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September 16, 2005

FCC, Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re:

Applicant Name:

Tiverton School District

Billed Entity Number:

CC Docket Number:

120816

Form 471 Application Number:

487097 1351692

Funding Request Number:

02-6

Reason for Correspondence:

Waiver Request

USAC Correspondence Dated:

August 16, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Tiverton School Department I am submitting a Waiver Request for our Form 471 Application Number 487097 Deadline. As explained in a letter sent to USAC on May 2, 2005, the Tiverton School Department missed the application deadline of February 18, 2005 due to the following reasons:

The Tiverton School Department's Business Manager resigned his position in September 2004 to be effective December 2004. The Tiverton School Department was functioning and continues to function without a Technology Coordinator due to severe budget constraints. It was the responsibility of these two positions to file the Form 471 Application in a timely manner. I was hired to begin as the Business Manager on February 23, 2005. I immediately requested assistance from the former Business Manager to file the Form 471 Application and it was filed on February 25, 2005. The Tiverton School Department is a small Public School System in New England where the Administrative Team is made up of the Superintendent, the Curriculum Coordinator, the Business Manager and the Building Principals. We function as a team and we are always willing to assist a co-worker with tasks that are beyond our scope of

work. Unfortunately, the need to file the Form 471 Application prior to February 18, 2005 was unknown to my co-workers and therefore was not filed until after my arrival in Tiverton as the Business Manager.

Budgets are very tight in our region of the country and we rely heavily on this funding to assist the district with much of our Technology needs for the students of the Tiverton School Department. I am asking that you consider providing a waiver to the Tiverton School Department so we can continue to function in the area of Technology.

During our most recent budget season we were forced to cut many items within our budget in order to fund line items such as fuel oil. We recently went out to bid for fuel oil along with several other communities within the East Bay area of Rhode Island. Our fuel oil fixed bid price is 60% higher than last year. New England winters can be brutal and we could be facing a huge budget deficit in that line. We are also dealing with large increases in our Pension Assessment from the state due to the poor investment income pensions have experienced over the past few years. Our Healthcare costs have risen at an average of 15% annually over the past few years. We will be entering contract negotiations in the near future where we plan to work together with the NEA to address this escalating cost. These are just a couple of reasons why we so desperately need the requested waiver for our Form 471 Application deadline. Our students are depending on us to provide them with the best education possible within our budget parameters. The SLD funding is a very important part of the education process here in Tiverton.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information concerning the Tiverton School Department's Form 471 Application.

Sincerely,

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